mended by the 10th Finance Commission; and

(c) if so, whether Government will ensure that the State receive at least the amount recommended by the 10th Finance Commission?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI YASHWANT SINHA): (a) The State's share in Central taxes is not linked to collections in that State. The share is determined based on the accepted recommendations of the Finance Commission in this regard. Against the Budget Estimate of Rs. 447.42 crores, the State's share for Tripura was Rs. 429.77 crores in the Revised Estimated 1997-98.

(b) and (c) The devolution recommended by the 10th Finance Commission is in terms of percentage of Central taxes collected. The recommendations of the 10th Finance Commission on devolution of share in Central taxes (vide paras 5.47 & 5.48, Chapter V and para 6.19, chapter VI of their Report) do not specify absolute amount of share of States. The projections of gross tax revenues of the Centre for the period 1995—2000 given by the Commission is merely an assessment/forecast. The share is determined with reference to actual collections and not with reference to the collections projected by the Commission.

Funds Collected through 'Service-Tax'

3785. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of 'Service-Tax' levied by Government and the funds collected during 1997-98, service-wise;

(b) whether it is a fact that the 'Service-Tax' levied on customs clearance agents is negligible as compared to other services;

(c) whether Government propose to do away with the 'Service-Tax' levied on Customs Clearing Agents in the country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI E.R. JANARTHANAM: (a) In the budget for the year 1997-98 service tax was levied on the following services. The tax on these services was brought into effect from different dates. The amount of tax (in crore rupees) collected in respect of each of these services during 1997-98 is given in brackets. The figures are provisional.

(i) Customs House Agents services (16.28)

(ii) Steamer Agents services (12.32)

(iii) Air travel agents services (21.51)

(iv) Consulting engineers services (35.53)

(v) Manpower recruitment agents services (4.16)

(vi) Clearing and Forwarding agents services (16.69)

(vii) Car rental services & tour operators' services (9.05)

(viii) Outdoor caterers services (3.73)

(ix) Mandap keepers & Pandal or shamiana contractors services (18.14)

(x) Goods transport services (59.05)

(b) to (e) Service tax was levied on Custom House Agents services with effect from 15th day of June, 1997. The revenue from service tax in respect of customs House Agents services is not negligible as compared to other services. There is no purposal under consideration at present for withdrawing the service tax levied on Custom House Agents services.